

# DAVID SOARES

## Protecting Communities, Smart Reform

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### **District Attorney David Soares Announces Re-Election Campaign** *Protecting Communities, Smart Reform*

**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney David Soares announced today that he is seeking re-election in 2020.

“As your District Attorney, I have dedicated my life to prosecuting criminals and protecting victims and fragile communities. While being tough on crime, I have led the fight on smart reform making sure our laws are equal regardless of your economic status. This hard work has resulted in the reduction of both local jails and state prison populations, proving that you can improve public safety while addressing mass incarceration.”

District Attorney Soares was first elected in 2004 as he led the fight to reform the ill-conceived Rockefeller Drug Laws. Prior to running for Albany District Attorney, David worked in the District Attorney’s office after graduating from Albany Law School and Cornell University. As a recognized expert in the field of criminal justice, he was elected by his peers across the state to be the President of the District Attorney’s Association of the State of New York.

“I am proud of my many accomplishments of protecting communities through enforcing the strictest DWI policies in New York State to disrupting illegal narcotics trafficking pipelines to creating a professional network to fight animal cruelty. Residents of Albany County deserve to live in safe communities, no matter their zip code. From the countryside of the Hilltowns to the urban center of the City of Albany, everyone should feel safe at home, school, and work.”

Albany County District Attorney Soares has focused on pursuing and eliminating criminal enterprises, prosecuting sexual predators, protecting senior citizens, and convicting animal abusers.

As a leader in smart reform, District Attorney Soares has built an unparalleled reputation for reforming the criminal justice system. He has accomplished this by

championing the reform of the Rockefeller Drug Laws to implementing Raise the Age to ensuring that one's economic status does not determine one's ability for bail.

Examples of DA Soares successes in smart reform include leading the state on declining to prosecute low-level marijuana cases and continuing the fight for Rockefeller Reform and smarter drug policies. He invested criminal proceeds into youth programming and redirected thousands of defendants through alternatives to incarceration and offered real options for sealing past criminal convictions.

"I will never stop fighting to reform a criminal justice system that does not treat every person the same regardless of race, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or the size of their bank account. When I see injustice, I will not rest until that is changed. Today's threats to public safety not only come in the form of people with bad intentions; they also come in the form of poorly conceived public safety policies. With current changes in NYS laws, accused violent criminals are being released back into our communities thus making it harder to hold them accountable and keep our neighborhoods safe. This is unacceptable and I will not rest until this injustice is corrected. In 2020, I will seek the honor of representing the people of Albany County by building on my record of protecting our communities and leading the fight for smart reform."

A full list of accomplishments, as well as biographical information, can be found at [www.davidsoares.com](http://www.davidsoares.com). For additional information about David Soares or his campaign, please contact [davidsoaresalbanyda@gmail.com](mailto:davidsoaresalbanyda@gmail.com) and follow along on social media: Twitter [@DavidSoaresNY](https://twitter.com/DavidSoaresNY) and Facebook [@DavidSoaresNY](https://www.facebook.com/DavidSoaresNY)

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